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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 19-Mar-04

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
03-15	2,119	5.55	66-91	78.83	7,674
03-16	2,154	5.46	61-90	77.54	6,459
03-17	2,106	5.39	65-91	78.49	7,646
03-18	2,051	5.45	61-91	76.37	6,333
03-19	1,977	5.40	61-89	76.24	7,156
Weekly	10,407	5.45	Cumulative:	77.55	35,269

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, week of 22-Mar-04

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	76.39	75.58	51.41
Chicago	73.69	72.16	51.12
Detroit	73.75	73.67	51.86
Los Angeles	78.15	78.24	67.66
Composite Weighted Average	76.52	75.30	58.01

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 19-Mar-04

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	200.49	3,267,770
Tenderloins	210.35	581,620
Breast - With Ribs	113.78	616,546
Breast - Line Run	111.50	471,120
Legs	44.37	1,646,240
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	33.02	2,271,469
Drumsticks	40.71	672,028
Thighs	48.51	374,458
B/S Thighs	111.82	382,500
Wings (Whole)	124.38	649,440

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 13-Mar-04

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	210,020	209,447	204,958	205,547	205,540
Chicks Placed	170,462	169,151	167,239	168,398	165,515

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 13-MAR-04

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	157.179	153,459	151,337
Average Live Weight	5.06	5.41	5.23
To Date 2004 (000)	1,536,632	1,379,453	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	1,502,010	1,350,673	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on **February, 29, 2004** were 7% above last month, but 13% below February 2003. Total stocks of chicken were 2% greater than last month, but 19% below last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were 13% above the previous month, but 3% below last year.

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